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SUBJECT: FMOD VIEWS ON CRESTED CAP V AND REFORGER V
EXERCISES

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1. CRESTED CAP V. BRIG GEN BRANDT (FMOD-POL/MIL) TOLD US JULY 24 THAT FROM A POLITICAL POINT OF VIEW THE FRG WOULD MUCH PREFER CRESTED CAP V TO BE HELD IN THE AUTUMN, 1973, AS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED UNDER THE 1967 TRI-PARTITE AGREEMENT. ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE WAS WIDE-SPREAD RECOGNITION IN THE GOVERNMENT THAT IF THE EXERCISE WERE HELD IN THE SPRING, 1974, ALONG THE LINES OF THE PHASED CONCEPT PROPOSED BY CINCEUR, THE US AIRCREWS WOULD GET BETTER TRAINING AND BECOME MORE FAMILIAR WITH EUROPEAN OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS. THEREFORE, THE FRG WOULD TAKE NOTE OF THE EUCOM PLAN AND NOT RAISE ANY OBJECTIONS TO IT. BRANDT ADDED THE GERMANS DID NOT CONSIDER THEY WERE IN A POSITION TO OBJECT, BUT AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE DID NOT WANT TO GO ON RECORD AS ACTUALLY APPROVING THE RESCHEDULING.

2. REFORGER V. BRANDT NOTED THAT UNDER THE PHASED CONCEPT PROPOSED FOR THE CRESTED CAP V EXERCISE IN THE SPRING OF 1974, ALL FOUR OF THE DUAL-BASED USAF SQUADRONS
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WOULD PARTICIPATE FULLY IN IT. THIS WAS IMPORTANT FROM

THE FRG POINT OF VIEW. HE THEN REFERRED TO LAST YEAR'S REFORGER IV EXERCISE NOTING THAT THE FRG UNDERSTOOD THAT SOME OF THE DUAL-BASED SUPPORTING UNITS HAD NOT BEEN DEPLOYED TO EUROPE BECAUSE OF FUNDING PROBLEMS. THE FMOD AND FONOFF, HE SAID, BOTH HOPED THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE THE CASE FOR REFORGER V. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE US-FRG DEFENSE RELATIONS HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF MUCH PUBLIC ATTENTION IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS AND THE GERMAN PRESS HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY CRITICAL ABOUT SOME ASPECTS OF US DEFENSE POLICY. THE FRG NATURALLY WANTS TO AVOID RESURGENCE OF PRESS CRITICISM OR PUBLIC CONCERN ABOUT US DEFENSE INTENTIONS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, AND TO THIS END MINISTER LEBER HAS BEEN DOING HIS BEST TO CHANGE THE CONTENT OF PRESS COMMENTARY SINCE HIS RETURN FROM WASHINGTON. HOWEVER, IF IT BECAME KNOWN TO THE PRESS THAT THERE WAS A SHORTFALL IN THE NUMBER OF TROOP UNITS TAKING PART IN REFORGER V, BRANDT THOUGHT THAT ADVERSE PUBLIC COMMENT AND UNDESIRABLE SPECULATION WOULD BE UNAVOIDABLE.

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